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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4712  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF TRANSIT PASSENGER AREAS IN HONDURAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINALS AT TEGUCIGALPA AND SAN PEDRO SULA, UNSCREENED PERSONS (INCLUDING ANY VISITOR TO TERMINALS) CAN FREELY MINGLE WITH PASSENGERS IN MAIN PASSENGER LOUNGES. PASSENGERS ARE RARELY SCREENED.
2. THIS NEAR TOTAL LACK OF AIRPORT SECURITY IS MITIGATED, IN PART, BY GOOD SECURITY AT MIAMI AND GUATEMALA CITY WHICH ARE POINTS OF ORIGIN OR CONNECTION FOR MANY FLIGHTS SERVICING HONDURAN AIRPORTS. THROUGH FLIGHTS SELDOM REMAIN LONG ON THE GROUND, AND TRANSIT PASSENGERS USUALLY ARE KEPT ON BOARD.
3. WHILE SECURITY PROCEDURES AT HONDURAS AIRPORTS ARE AMONG MOST DEFICIENT, RISK OF AIRCRAFT HIJACKING INVOLVING U.S. INTEREST IS BELIEVED LOW. MANUEL ECHEVERRIA OF HONDURAS CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE PARTICIPATED EARLY 1976 IN FAA AIRLINE SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM AT OKLAHOMA CITY. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING COMMUNICATE WITH HIM AND CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR MANUEL LEIVA REGARDING STATUS OF PLANS DRAWN UP EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR BOARDING GATE

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PASSENGER SCREENING AND QUESTIONS RAISED PARAGRAPH 2 REFTTEL.

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